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THE CITY AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

County Commissionership Still in Doubt—Local Election Results

In the city election Robert Woods was elected marshal by 78 votes over W. M. Watson. Fred Weaver was elected alderman from the east ward without opposition while in the west ward F. F. Pratt was reelected alderman by two votes over A. G. Groes.

At the school election C. C. Bigger, F. F. Pratt and Dr. F. W. Burke were elected members of the board. Mr. Burke is the new member, the others being reelected. The proposition for eight months school and a levy of one dollar on the \$100 assessed valuation for school purposes carried with but few opposition votes.

The vote for county commissioner here in Laclede was Joyce, 99; Dickson, 45; and Mrs. Adams, 21. The vote over the county is very close between Prof. Joyce and Mrs. Adams. The vote from the eight towns give Joyce a plurality of 277 but the country districts, especially in the north half of the county are strong for Mrs. Adams and it is thought that when all are in she will have been elected. Word came from Brookfield yesterday that Joyce, as well as his manager, W. B. McGregor, conceded Mrs. Adams elected by about 200. The vote is close, however, and it may take the official count to determine just who is elected.

Handy Farm Helps

There are a thousand and one things, many of which could be made in a few minutes time and which would cost comparatively nothing, that would lighten the farmer's labor. Have you, Mr. Farmer, one or more such devices in use? If so, will you not favor other farmers by writing a brief description of one or more of these labor savers and mail to George B. Ellis, secretary Missouri state board of agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

No matter what the device is, just so it is not patented. It may be a good plan for a gate, a simple hinge, latch or other fastening, a ground marker, potato cutter, wagon jack, wagon box or hay frame lift, feed trough, slop cart, or water tank.

Or it is possible that it is some handy device for use in the kitchen or elsewhere to make easier the work of the housewife.

Maybe you have an idea as to just how to best brace or to put in corner posts for wire fence. If so, write Secretary Ellis about it, or better still, send him drawing or photograph.

The women of Missouri are especially invited to describe simple, easily made kitchen helps, such as they have found useful. If a sufficient number of useful suggestions are received they will be used in a bulletin soon to be issued by the Missouri state board of agriculture, and a copy will be mailed to each contributor.

Lieutenant Governor Gmelich was governor of Missouri again from Sunday till Thursday, when Governor Hadley returned from New Orleans. Unfortunately for the lieutenant-governor, he was quite ill during the week and could not remain in the office.

L. W. Rummell, Brookfield's enterprising clothing dealer, has something to say on the back page of THE BLADE today that may interest you.

M. E. Church Notes

William McGrew has returned from Kansas and was in his class last Sunday.

Two hundred and five in attendance and \$7.41 regular collection is the report for last Sabbath.

The pastor was called to Ridgeway to conduct the funeral services of a friend the middle of the week.

Rev. Spencer from the Sumner charge dismissed his Sunday evening service at Forker and about 50 including himself were at the Sunday evening services.

Miss Kathryn Brown, who has been very ill, was missed from her usual place in choir and as teacher in the Sunday school. We are glad to report her improving.

Paul Lomax has been elected president of the Epworth league to fill the vacancy lately made by the absence of the president, Marguerite Englehart, who is on an extended visit east.

The Aid society will meet at the parsonage next Tuesday afternoon. The president requests the attendance of everybody as there will be matters of importance that must be attended to at once. Let us have the meeting on our minds so that there will be a large number present.

The special services at the church still continue to grow in interest, and Rev. Goodale is telling the people each night gospel truths that must reach the hearts of the unconverted. The house is full, attention good and many are coming to the altar at every meeting. The afternoon bible readings are full of interesting facts that are helpful to all who hear them. The cottage prayer meetings are well attended and much interest is being shown by those in attendance. Including Wednesday evening, there have been 104 professions and still there are more to follow.

Republican Home Rule

The republican party is committed to the principle of home rule in government of cities and counties, as far as is consistent with the general welfare of the state, but is not committed to the proposition to allow cities and counties to make their own laws, or to suspend such state laws as are not acceptable to any given community, or to any particular class.

Local option as to whether saloons shall be licensed or liquors be sold in any county or city is in line with the doctrine of home rule, but state prohibition is a state matter, separate and apart from the application of the doctrine of local self-government, because it affects the whole state.

The creation and control of a city police department may be left to the municipality, but the powers to be conferred on the police of any city, and the control of the local system, in so far as it may affect the enforcement of the state laws, is not to be left to the municipality, for obvious reasons.

The state must hold in check any local tendency to set at naught its general laws or to create a purely local standard of morals or civic rule. Unbridled liberty of local government is not contemplated in the doctrine of home rule as taught by republicans. Enforcement of law, the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life and property, and the development of public morals cannot be safely relegated to separate municipalities within the state. The state has duties which cannot be entrusted wholly to local authorities.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

A. M. Walker returned Wednesday from Illinois bringing home a fine Percheron stallion which he bought of one of the best known importers in the country. Honolulu is a dark dapple gray, four years old and weighs 2040 pounds. He is a beauty and considered one of the best horses ever brought to this country.

J. Henderson & Son are still branching out in the produce business here. This week they have leased the Allen store building where the eggs will be handled and the business office located. The poultry will be handled at the two buildings near the track. Manager Johnson is certainly a hustler and is doing a big business.

"A Royal Slave" has been before the theatre-going public for a number of years and has been seen in almost every state of the union. It is one of those plays, which, like old wine, becomes better with age. Lavishly mounted, gorgeously costumed, with a superb cast, the production which comes to the opera house, April 13, is without an equal.

C. B. Dagger on Monday sold his forty acre farm a half mile east of town to Herman Garside for \$100 per acre, possession to be given on the twentieth of this month. Mr. Garside recently sold his eighty acre farm near Meadville for \$100 per acre and is to give possession on the thirteenth. Mr. Dagger left Tuesday morning for Walnut, Kansas, to look for a location.

Five thousand spangles on one gown make a sight seldom seen yet that is the number on one of the gowns which Miss Egbert wears in the beautiful romantic production of "A Royal Slave," which comes to Laclede, April 13. The play treats with a day when magnificence was visible on every hand and of a people who denied their women folks nothing. Passionate, emotional to an extreme, high-tempered, the Castilians of Mexico lived picturesque as well as wore picturesque clothes.

The next regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be at the home of Mrs. S. M. Brown Tuesday, April 13, at 2:30 p. m. The result of the membership contest will be known at this meeting and also who are to be the hosts and who guests at the entertainment to be given. Miss Roena Shaner, national organizer and lecturer, will be present and address the union. She will also deliver a public lecture on temperance at the Baptist church at 7:30 in the evening. Miss Shaner is one of the most eloquent and instructive temperance speakers in this state. Don't fail to hear her.

A Chance to Get a Home in Oklahoma

One million, five hundred thousand acres of Oklahoma school land will be sold this year on 40 years time at 5 per cent interest under the law just passed by the legislature. Map and copy of law, description of land and how to buy sent upon receipt of \$1.00. School Land Advertising Company, Helena, Oklahoma.

If you are going to paint or remodel your home, call and see Chas. H. Hetrick, as he is in that line and can give you first class work. All work guaranteed.

Some Evening Reveries.

Easter was not kept as a festival until the fifth or sixth century, but previous to that the question of establishing it as a feast day came before the council of Nice, when it was decided authoritatively that Easter was henceforth to be the Sunday following the 14th day of the calendar moon which happened upon or next after the 21st of March, so that if this 14th day be a Sunday, Easter was not to be on that date, but on the next following Sunday. Easter Sunday, therefore, may be on any day within five weeks inclusive of March 22 and April 25. It cannot happen earlier or later than these two dates. In 1883, Easter occurred on March 25, and again in 1894, which will be twice in the present century. In 1951 it will occur again on March 25.

Easter Sunday, which for centuries was observed only by certain churches, is now almost universally kept as a day of days, all evangelical churches symbolizing it as the anniversary commemorative of the resurrection of Christ, a festival which in the early Christian era was distinguished as the Sunday of joy, and which Gregory Nazianzen 1500 years ago called the "Queen day of days, that excels all others as far as the sun exceeds the other stars, and which is still known in the east as the 'bright day'." Another typical name for Easter is the "Holiday of Hope."

There is a wonderful charm and fascination in this queen festival of the year, which dominates the whole world with its wonderful lessons of returning life. Not only is the deep religious significance of the occasion illustrated in the most attractive and beautiful form as a lesson to the eye, and through that to the heart, but the joyful features of Easter, the up-springing of hope and the miracle of returning life inspire a condition of joy and happiness in the lives of young and old, and the most insensible object becomes a part of the carnival of joy.

The Easter festival of our forefathers covered a period of 15 days. The week beginning with Easter Sunday was almost entirely given over to sport and games and general merrymaking. An odd feature of the old time celebration was that of heaving or lifting, the "heaved" sitting in a chair decorated with white ribbons. Easter Monday and Easter Thursday were known as heaving days, the women sitting in a chair on Monday and the men on Thursday. Those heaving or lifting the chair were expected to lift it three times and then kiss the occupant, who, in turn, kissed them. To the regret of the lads and lassies in the districts where the novel ceremony was once performed, the custom has long since died out.

There is something about the character of a newspaper correspondent as he is shown on the stage that is irresistibly attractive. He is always breezy, humorous, Bohemian, ready for fun, work or any old thing that comes along. In Clarence Bennett's "A Royal Slave," which will be seen at the opera house, April 13, there is a correspondent who not only gets the news but gets the right people out of trouble and the other people in trouble and finally gets the dainty dancing girl as well.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

John Hetrick and his mother are home from spending the winter in Texas.

Wm. H. Hamby of Meadville was in Laclede for a short time Tuesday.

Wm. Hockensmith of Turney is now assistant agent at the Burlington station here.

Barred Plymouth Rock eggs 50 cents per setting. A. M. Walker, route three, Laclede.

A lusty ten pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lomax on route three last Monday.

A new steel bridge is being put in this week across Muddy creek two miles north of Laclede.

Walter Davis of Warrensburg is visiting his father, Jas. Davis and family southwest of Laclede.

J. Henderson was up from Monroe Wednesday on business connected with his produce house here.

W. S. Savage has commenced work on his new residence on the south side lots he recently bought.

Willie Robbins and his mother this week removed to Edmond, Okla., where they expect to reside.

One hundred bushels of fancy new crop Whipperwill cow peas at \$2.50 per bushel. P. F. Felt, Laclede.

Rev. Woerkendyke arrived Tuesday from California to visit his nephew, H. L. Frederick, and family south of town.

L. W. Libby is teaching a three month's school in one of the rural districts north of Meadville beginning Wednesday morning.

Ed. J. Baker, of route one, Sumner, was in Laclede on business last Saturday and called and renewed for THE BLADE another year.

Miss Dora Goins, a member of the Laclede high school, is teaching the spring term in the Eagle district southeast of Laclede.

J. J. Savage sent in a remittance yesterday to renew his subscription and has the address changed from Burlington, Kansas, to Greeley, Colorado.

Chas. Ira Carmichael, after spending a week visiting his parents and friends here, left Wednesday for Wyoming where he expects to locate.

Clyde Weatherly has returned from a visit with relatives in Montana and next week will resume his position as operator for the Burlington at Clarence.

If you have reason to believe your glasses are not right or your eyes give you trouble, consult Dr. A. V. Griffith at the Foreman house Saturday, May 1.

George Lloyd had bills printed at this office this week for his fine Belgian stallion "Major" and his high class jack "Blucher," which he will keep again this year at his farm four miles southwest of Laclede.

T. D. Mouser left Tuesday morning for Wichita, Kansas, where he will spend three days attending a meeting of the national association of threshermen, and then go to Oklahoma City to visit his brother, Ward, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armbruster of Aurora, Ill., are the proud parents of a little daughter born to them April 5, and Grandpa and Grandma Jones of Laclede are being congratulated as well as the parents of the new arrival.